

DECEMBER 2025 NEWSLETTER

VIRTUAL EDUCATION OPTIONS

Early Years Thriving

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Supporting Newcomer Children and Families

Early Childhood Pedagogy Network



Journey of Wool

This month we wanted to share with you an exciting Community of Practice we have starting in January 2026.

It is for Child Care Professionals and Primary School Staff living on the Southern Gulf Islands.

This is a great opportunity for connection and learning.

Look for more details on Page 4!



Pine Tree Nature Craft



Featured **DECEMBER** Craft

EVERGREEN TREE CRAFT

Supplies:

- Cardboard
- Scissors
- String or large elastic bands
- Collected tree boughs, rosehips, red berries, alder cones

Instructions:

- Cut cardboard into tree triangle and trunk, make small slits for string on each side
- show your child how to wrap string using the slits to help hold string in place.
- Go for a walk and collect tree boughs and nature bits
- Have you child slip collected nature items under the string or elastics.

CCRR EVENTS and EDUCATION SESSIONS

Connecting Through Crafts-Light Dinner for Childcare Providers, Educators, Parents and Caretakers

December 4th 5pm-7pm
Pre-Registration Required
FREE
Salt Spring

Connect and Play- Infant /Toddler

December 5th 10:30am-12 noon
FREE Drop-in for parents and guardians with babies and toddlers ages birth to 2
Light refreshments provided
Salt Spring

Discovery Time- Light and Dark

December 12th 10:30am-12pm
FREE Drop-in. Light refreshments provided
Salt Spring

Connect and Play- 3 and up


December 19 12:30-2pm
FREE Drop-in for parents and guardians with children ages 3 and up.
Light refreshments provided
Salt Spring

**Winter Break Notice**
Brentwood Office is closed Dec 20-Jan 1
Salt Spring is closed Dec 22, 25, 26, 29 & Jan 1

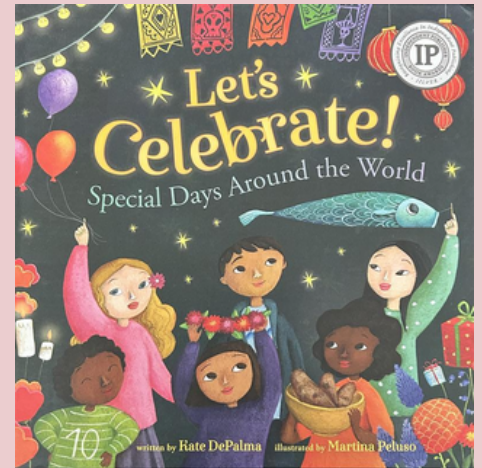
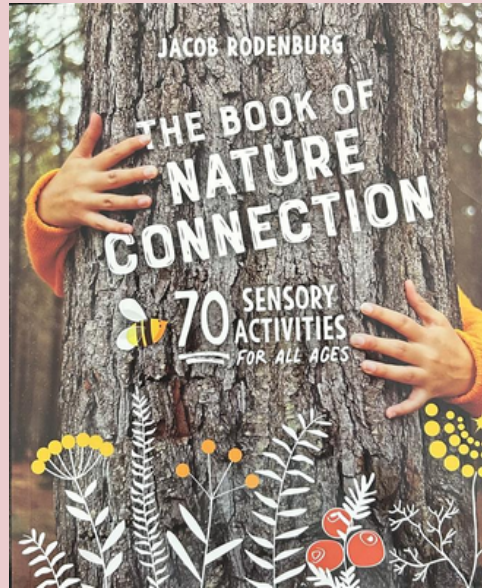
Ada Mawson presents:
Uy Sqwalwun Learning Circle
December 9th | 5:30-8pm
POTLUCK
STÁUTW First Nation
7728 Tetayut Rd.
Saanichton, BC

Professional Learning Opportunities

- [Behaviour in the Early Years](#)
- [The Foundations of Inclusive Child Care Training Part 1](#)



OUR FEATURED BOOKS TO BORROW FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER



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OUR CATALOG:



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Community Of Practice: Journey of Wool



A joyful opportunity for those living and working on the Southern Gulf Islands. Brought to you by the Salt Spring CCRR

We aim to take you on a **Journey of Wool**, from its humble beginnings, then learning about the local history and connecting with the land. Next, we are off, visiting a sheep farm to see and feel the processes involved in making wool followed by some hands-on creating and learning from local expert Weavers and Felters. All the while connecting the teachings with principals of the Early Learning Framework and finishing up by looking at how materials, children and educators interconnect and how to incorporate what you have learned into your everyday.

This offering is for :

- Early Years Professionals working with children 0-8 years old; Strong Start/Head Start facilitators, Primary teachers, ECE’s, ECE A’s & RA’s. Our aim is to have a mixed group of educators from across the Islands.

Free!

- January to June meeting once a month on a Saturday
- First meeting in January is online

Book; Fleece & Fibre, Materials, Transportation for those on Outer Islands & Food will all be provided free of charge.



*****Spaces Limited - Register by Dec 19th**

*If you are interested, please pre-register by December 19th, emailing us at ccrr@beaconcs.ca and we can send you the link or use this QR code :



Certificate of completed hours provided



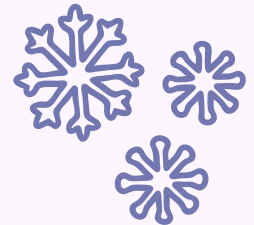
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JUST FOR FUN!

❄️🎵 “Winter Wiggles & Silly Sparkles” 🎵❄️

Verse 1:

Snowflakes falling, kids are calling,
“Where’d my other mitten go?”
Boots on backwards, laughter crackles,
Someone’s tasting all the snow.
Coats keep popping, zippers stopping,
We’re doing winter’s daily dance —
With every “Oops!” and chilly giggle,
We give the season one more chance.

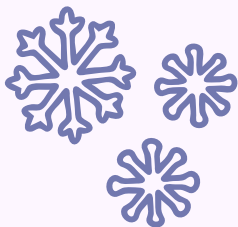


Chorus:

Ohhh, winter light, shining bright,
Guide us through the frosty day and night.
From lost mittens to glitter in hair,
We’re childcare heroes everywhere!

Verse 2:

Craft time sparkles, paper snowflakes,
Glue sticks rolling off the table.
One kid builds a “snow volcano,”
Another says they’re “Elsa-level able.”
We wipe the noses, tie the scarves,
And keep the cozy calm in sight —
And even when the day gets silly,
We shine with laughter, warmth, and light.



Chorus:

Ohhh, winter light, shining bright,
Making every chilly moment feel just right.
We sing, we laugh, we brave the cold,
With hearts that glow like stories told.

EXCERPTS FROM THE ChildCareBC Bulletin

Registration Now Open: 2026 Children Heart of the Matter Conference, January 30–31, 2026

The annual Children Heart of the Matter Conference will be held in Surrey from January 30 to 31, 2026. The two-day event brings together sector professionals throughout B.C. to network and raise awareness of child care and early years programs.

The conference includes keynote presentations from Dr. Mariana Brussoni and Len Pierre, as well as workshops connected to the conference theme of Rooted in Nature: Exploring Outdoor Play and Our Connection to the Land. Conference attendees will receive certificates for the sessions they attend.

Attendees can join the event in-person or online, with registration closing on January 26 for in-person attendees and on January 29 for those wishing to attend online. The Early Childhood Educator Professional Development Bursary Fund has helped reduce the registration fees for participants of the 2025 conference:

- Friday only: \$20.00
- Saturday only: \$45.00

For further information on the event and to register, please visit the Children Heart of the Matter Conference website.

Winter emergency preparedness and planning resources

As winter approaches, the risk of storms, floods, and other severe weather events increases. Resources are available to support preparedness, response and recovery planning.

The Education and Child Care Emergency Management Support Key Contacts includes key contact information for ministry and partner staff in the event of emergency. This document is intended for child care facilities, school districts and independent schools.

The K-12 Education and Child Care: Emergency Management Resource Package includes key resources to help schools, child care facilities, families and communities plan for, respond to and recover from emergencies such as floods, winter weather and other climate-related risks. The package contains financial and support resources for ChildCareBC programs as well as mental health and well-being information, including the province's Virtual Mental Health Supports web page.

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